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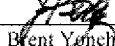
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Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action after final rejection mailed December 20, 2006. This response is being filed on or before the shortened response date on or before February 20, 2007, thus making it a timely response.

An **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.